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In re: Boucher, Jr.  
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For: *COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF AIRWAY DISEASES AND FOR THE DELIVERY OF AIRWAY DRUGS*

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**In the Claims:**

Please add the following new claims:

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51. (New) A method of administering a sodium channel blocker to an airway surface of a subject in need thereof, comprising administering the sodium channel blocker in an effective therapeutic amount in a vehicle, said vehicle comprising potassium sulfate as an ionic osmolyte, said potassium sulfate included in an amount effective to increase the volume of liquid on the airway surface.

52. (New) The method according to Claim 51, wherein said subject is afflicted with cystic fibrosis.

53. (New) The method according to Claim 51, wherein said administering step is an aerosol inhalation administering step.